PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notification of Ministry of Energy Publishing Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986

II. Notification of Ministry of Energy Publishing Andhra Pradesh Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986

III. Notification of Ministry of Energy Publishing Rajasthan Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under section 7A of the Coal Mines Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1948, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Energy (Department of Coal) :—

(i) G.S.R. No. 363 dated the 24th May, 1986, publishing the Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 364 dated the 24th May, 1986, publishing the Andhra Pradesh Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986.

(iii) S.O. 2045 dated the 24th May, 1986, publishing the Rajasthan Coal Mines Provident Fund (Second Amendment) Scheme, 1986.

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Notification of Ministry of Law and Justice Publishing Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986 and related papers

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 6 of the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, a copy each of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department):—

(i) G.S.R. No. 776(E), dated the 19th May, 1986, publishing the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Rules, 1986 (in English and Hindi).

(ii) G.S.R. No. 834(E), dated the 4th June, 1986, publishing a Corrigendum to English version of the Government Notification G.S.R. No. 776(E), dated the 19th May, 1986 (in English).

(iii) G.S.R. No. 898(E), dated the 23rd June 1986, publishing a Corrigendum to Hindi version of the Government Notification G.S.R. No. 776(E), dated the 19th May, 1986 (in Hindi).

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Amendments to the List of reserved items for small scale sector

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (2H) of section 298 of the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Industry (Department of Industrial Development) S.O. No. 309(E), dated the 30th May, 1986, making amendments to the list of Reserved items for Small Scale Sector. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-2756/86.]

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REFERENCE TO FREQUENT CRASHES OF I.A.F. PLANES

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra) : Sir, about three days back when I filled in the form for a Special Mention, it was about an I.A.F. helicopter crash. Subsequently you must have read in yesterday's newspapers that a fighter aircraft crashed somewhere in the western sector. It is a matter of deep concern to the country that in the last three months, we have had a spate of air crashes. You are aware that only last month, the Air Force completed a hat-trick in two days. There were air crashes on June 17th and June 18th and there was also an air crash on June 26th. So totally there were four air crashes in June. There were air crashes in May. There were three air crashes in April. Again in March, there were about four air crashes. Sir, you are aware, and it has been mentioned on the floor of the House, that in the past three to four years we have lost hundreds of aircraft and the country has lost over Rs.1,000 crores by way of crashes in the Air Force. Sir, you are also aware that two AN-32 transport aircraft disappeared into thin air a few months back. The Government has given a routine answer that a court of inquiry has been constituted. But what has happened to the two AN-32 aircraft ? Nobody knows. Thirty widows want to know what happened. They say that there was a crash in the Himalayas. Well, at that time, the answer of the Government was that the snow was there. Now the snow has melted. Has not the Government sent a search party there ? Why is it that the Government is not making a statement in the House as to what has happened to the two AN-32 aircraft ? You are also aware that the maximum number of air crashes relate to the MiG-21 aircraft particularly the lot of 150 aircraft which had been made in Nasik.

Sir, this is a matter of great concern and an enquiry must be constituted into this. Sir, you are aware that when you were the Defence Minister, this matter came up and you appointed the La Fontaine Committee. I am very sorry that the report of the committee has not been made public in spite of repeated requests by Members of Parliament and the public.

Sir, the basic problem is that the cream of the youth is not joining the Defence Forces. On one side there are more and more sophisticated aircraft. One Mirage costs 30 crores of rupees, but the personnel flying it are not the best. The cream of the youth is going to the private sector. The second best are being to the administrative services and the last lot is coming to the Defence Forces. Unfortunately, the Fourth Pay Commission has done pretty little for the Armed Forces. There should be a review. The Indian Air Force is on a buying spree. Let us buy one Mirage less. Let us buy one Jaguar less. Let us have housing facility for the personnel. With the cost of the Mirage, you can provide accommodation for the entire IAF officers. The IAF officer is a worried man. He has to think of his family. So, you are not getting the best technical officers today. Only the third class persons from the I.I.Ts. are going to the Air Force and he is servicing a Mirage costing 30 crores of rupees.

Sir, you are also aware that a lot of aircraft are being downed by birds. We are fighting this menace with ancient methods. We are using the 12 bore gun. The birds are not scared of that. There are bird repellant methods.

Before I end, I would like to request the Defence Ministry to go into these matters very seriously. You have to find out whether these aircraft crashes are due to some design or sabotage. You are aware that this is happening at